

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were examined in the August 31, 2007 Office Action. Claim 22 is rejected as unsupported by computer readable medium. Claims 1-13 and 19-22 are rejected as obvious over *Reshetov* (U.S. Patent No. 6,819,793) in view of *Acharya* (U.S. Patent No. 6,269,181). Claims 14-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 1 and 19 are amended above. Claim 14 is cancelled. Claims 1-13 and 15-22 remain pending. Reconsideration of the objection and rejection is requested in view of the above amendments and the remarks which follow.

A. Obviousness Rejection of Claims 1-13 and 19-22 over *Reshetov* in view of *Acharya* is Addressed.

Claims 1-13 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Reshetov* in view of *Acharya*. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments to claims 1, 19 and 22, which incorporate limitations of dependent claims 14. Independent claims 1, 19 and 22 being patentably distinguishable over the art of record, withdrawal of the obviousness rejection is respectfully requested. Dependent claims 2-13, 20 and 21 incorporating the patentable features of claims 1 and 19 through dependence, withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of claims 2-13, 20 and 22 is also respectfully requested.

B. Objection to Claims 14-18 is Addressed.

The objection to claims 14-18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim is addressed, by incorporated the allowable limitations of claim 1 in independent claim 1, and amending the dependency of claims 15 and 16 to dependent form claim 1. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

C. Rejection of Claim 22 is Addressed.

The rejection of claim 22 based upon 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully traversed. Although the preamble of claim 22 does recite a computer program product, its patentable subject matter should be based on the claimed texture compressing image methodology, which includes limitations of amended claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 101 rejection of claim 22 is respectfully requested.

D. Petition for 1-Month Extension and Conclusion.

The undersigned hereby petitions for a 1-month extension, to extend the due date for response from November 31, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1123 the one-month extension fee.

Should any excess claims fees or any other fees be due, the Office is also authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Pending claims 1-13 and 15-22 are now believed to be in form for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is kindly asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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